

Date: 21 Feb 2016

**Subj: UUFE Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, Wednesday 17 February 2016**

**Attendees:**

Executive Board

President	John Holt	Yes
Vice President	Josh Ashley	Yes
Treasurer	Ed Farley	Yes
Secretary	Denny Lauer	Yes
Past President	Jane Park	Yes
Ex-Officio Minister	Nells Oas	Yes

Board of Trustees

2016	Jennifer Conroy	No
2016	John Drury	Yes
2017	Loren Boyer	Yes
2017	Open Seat	—
2018	Jan Mullins	Yes
2018	Winky Sweet	Yes

Invited Speakers:

**Quorum-5/Attending-9** Yes

**Type of Meeting** Regular

**Date Start/End time: Monday, 17 Feb 6:30pm - 8:05pm**

**Agenda:**

Added Ministerial funding to old business

**a. Minutes:**

Jan 2016 Minutes. Accepted and approved as submitted. will be uploaded to the UUFE website.

Dec 2015 Minutes. Will be reviewed by Board members who were on the 2015 Board via email and changes will be submitted for Board approval via email.

**b. Treasurers Report:**

- See Finance Report Attached.
- Question raised about audit last year. Audit was submitted to the Cmte and only minor issues noted. Audit is complete.
- Treasurer reports we should have an end of year surplus.

**c. Filling 2016-2018 at-Large Slot vacated by Dave Abraham**

- No interest or volunteers yet. Will continue to ask for volunteer. But with potential reducing the Board size, this is not a major issue.

**d. Committee Reports:**

- COMM. No Cmts.

- Facilities. Carpet cleaned. Low costs.
- Finance. No further comments.
- RE. Stephanie Marshall volunteered to be RE coordinator.
- RS. Ellen Holt will take the chair.
- FFF. March Niceville High GA group will ask to meet here for movie night in March
  - In April, will have a Movie night
  - In April, Coffee House.
- Caring. Announced the team is up and going. Planning on ICE involvement.
- Aesthetics.
  - Black Lives Matter Banner. Could be target for vandals and would open up banners for many other areas.
  - Painting Front Wall. Good idea. Will work with professional (free).

**e. Old Business:**

- Ministerial Funding. How much to start a search. UUA has defined amount.
  - Need to understand the various options for different types.
  - How to collect funds for Ministry. Separate fund drive for initial hiring. After the existing Pledge Drive.
    - Will focus on ongoing funds to maintain minister.
    - Forms out for Pledge Drive.
    - Need informational meeting for members.
    - Considering an Ad Hoc Cmte to take on the overall Ministerial efforts.
    - Consider a 3/4 Time Minister.
    - President will assign an Ad Hoc Cmte for Future Minister.
      - Jane Park, Loren Boyer, volunteered and other(s) will be asked to join.
- Bricks.
  - Don't have the list of names. New bricks for \$50. Ask those that pre ought for higher amount to give donate the difference.
  - Plan is to add bricks into a wall.
  - 20 bricks already bought.
  - Aesthetics will review how the wall and garden will be coordinated.
- Black Lives Matter Banner.
  - Winky. Will review adding the flag instead of banner.
  - Board member stated the Congregation bought into adding the existing flags so need to be understand the BLM addition and how the Fellowship will support this beyond displaying a banner.
    - Consensus is to support this. And take this further and help the Fellowship buy into supporting the many issues.
    - Action to refer to committee and Winky.

**f. New Business:**

- Congregational Meeting: Set for April 24, 2016
- Procedure for Fellowship Member Speaking
  - Accepted as submitted.
- Social Actions Funds.
  - What to do with the Funds: going to Social Actions Committee.

- Right Relations for the Congregation
  - Discussed the Fellowship consider a Right Relations covenant similar to the Board Covenant. Board decided the the Board Covenant go to the Committees for consideration to be adopted as their agreement. All agreed. President will send to chairs.

Two members asked to speak to the Board about Rev Bruning:

- Speaker: Marie-Claude Bohler

- Speaker. Jane Montgomery.

- President stated info related to this issues was presented in Closed Sessions of previous Boards, so he proposed an Executive Session.

Board went into Executive Session at 8:05pm. Ended 9:00pm.

- The issues presented were discussed and a response was prepared stating any response to any queries about Rev Bruning would reference his time as co-DRE in a positive manner. John Holt and Rev Oas will present the letters to Jane Montgomery and Marie-Claude Bohler of the Board action.

**g. Next Meeting Date/Time: Monday, March 21 2016 UUFEC Board Room**